

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-9. (Canceled).

10. (new) A method for the prevention and/or treatment of disorders caused by the andropause comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of propionyl L-carnitine in combination with acetyl L-carnitine or one of their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

11. (new) The method according to claim 10, in which the andropause is caused by ageing.

12. (new) The method according to claim 10, in which the andropause is caused by chemical or surgical castration.

13. (new) The method according to claim 10, in which the disorders of the andropause are selected from the group consisting of: reduced libido or sexual drive and reduced quality of erections, including nocturnal erections, depression of mood, reduction of intellectual activity and of spatial orientation capacity, fatigue, irritability, reduced lean body mass, reduced muscular functional capacity, reduced mental concentration, reduced functioning of the hair-growing apparatus, increased visceral fat, atrophy of the skin, and reduced bone density resulting in osteopenia and osteoporosis.

14. (new) The method according to claim 10, in which the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is selected from the group consisting of: chloride, bromide, orotate, acid aspartate, acid citrate, magnesium citrate, acid phosphate, fumarate and acid fumarate, magnesium fumarate, lactate, maleate and acid maleate, mucate, acid oxalate,

pamoate, acid pamoate, acid sulphate, glucose phosphate, tartrate, acid tartrate, magnesium tartrate, 2-aminoethane sulphonate, magnesium 2-aminoethane sulphonate, choline tartrate and trichloroacetate.

15. (new) The method according to claim 10, in which propionyl L-carnitine in combination with acetyl L-carnitine are in a unit dosage form containing from 4.0 g to 0.50 g of propionyl L-carnitine inner salt, and from 0.50 g to 4.0 g of acetyl L-carnitine inner salt, or an equimolar amount of one of their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

16. (new) The method according to claim 15, in unit dose form containing 2 g of propionyl L-carnitine inner salt and 2 g of acetyl L-carnitine inner salt, or an equimolar amount of one of their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

17. (new) The method according to claim 15, in which propionyl L-carnitine in combination with acetyl L-carnitine are formulated together, as a mixture, or are formulated separately.

18. (new) The method according to claim 17, in which propionyl L-carnitine in combination with acetyl L-carnitine are in a form suitable for oral or parenteral administration.